

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, VENICE, AND
LONDON.

Also,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERISIAN GULF, COCHIN, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship DECCAN, Captain P. W. Cass, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for BOMBAY, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th April, at daylight.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Parcels and Special (Gold) at the Office until 2 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Tos, Silk and Valuable for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo. General Cargo at Bombay, arriving one week later than by the direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bill of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 29, 1888.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama and
Honolulu, on SATURDAY, the 14th Inst.,
at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight
for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fare granted as follows:—
To San Francisco and return, \$200.00
To San Francisco and return, \$350.00
available for 6 months.

To Liverpool ... 350.00
To London ... 350.00
To other European ports at proportionate
rates.

Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco, within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance
does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels
will be received at the office until
5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked and address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo,
destined to ports beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 3, 1888.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship SAN PABLO will be
despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 24th
Inst., at 3 p.m.

Information being made at Yokohama,
Osaka, and other ports, that the
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
with
All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. on the
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C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 3, 1888.

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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
TRIESTE, BRINDISI, GENOVA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
Also,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 16th day of April,
1888, at 4 p.m., the Company's
Steamship PRUSSIAN, Capt. C. Pohl,
with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIAL
CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
noon, Cargo will be received on board
until 4 p.m. Special and Parcel Cargoes
to be sent on board, they must be
left at the Agency's Office. Contents and
Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 20, 1888.

FOR SALE.
J. L. MUMM & Co.'s
CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts ... \$20 per Case of 1 doz.
Pints ... \$21 " " " " " "

Dubos Freres & Co. & Co.'s
BORDEAUX CLARETS AND
WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated Barley Brew
WHISKY, \$7 1/2 per Case of 1 doz.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, July 18, 1884.

RAIL PROGRAMMES
FOR SALE.
IN NEW GRADINGS AND PATTERNS.
'CHINA MAIL' OFFICE,
2, WYNDHAM STREET.

January 20, 1888.

PRICE, \$1.00.
COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW
By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH
at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE,
Crawford & Co., Hongkong, and at the
China Mail Office.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

LADY DES VREUX has kindly con-
tributed to PRESENT the PRIZES
to the RIFLE ASSOCIATION at the CITY
HALL, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) AFTER-
NOON, 6th April, at Half-past Four.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, April 5, 1888.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
NAGASAKI.

The Steamship
Pembroke, Captain,
will be despatched for
the above Ports on the 12th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 5, 1888.

CANADIAN PACIFIC LINE.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE
UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship AYSYNTA,
3,651 Tons Register, GEORGE A. LEE,
Commander, will be despatched for VAN-
COUVER, B.C., and SAN FRANCISCO,
via NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKO-
HAMA, on SATURDAY, the 14th Inst.,
at 3 p.m.

To be followed by the S.S. BATAVIA,
in May.

Connection will be made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast
ports, by the regular Steamers of the
PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY and
other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fare granted as follows:—
To Vancouver & Victoria, Max. \$90.00
To San Francisco and return, 175.00
To all common points in Can-
ada and the United States 200.00.

To Liverpool ... 300.00
To London ... 300.00
To other European ports at proportionate
rates.

Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese
Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to ports in the United States,
should be sent to the Company's Office,
addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District
Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. on the 11th April.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office
and should be marked to address in full,
and the same will be received by us until
5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight,
apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 5, 1888.

To-day's Advertisements.

WANTED.
A STEWARDESS for the Steamship
Aysynta.
Apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents, Canadian Pacific Line.
Hongkong, April 5, 1888.

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
April 4, 1888.—
Kungpo, Chinese steamer, 602, Bra-
sauer, Newchweng March 28, Beas-
CHINESE.

Yangtze, British steamer, 814, T. W.
Stirling, Wuhu March 31, Rice—SIEMSEN
& Co.

Edvard, Norwegian barque, 272, P. H.
Pannes, San Francisco January 20, Flour—
OATMAN.

April 5—
Abysinia, British steamer, 2,340, Leo,
Vancouver, B.C., March 6, and Yokohama,
General—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

China, German steamer, 1,063, P. Hays,
Bangkok March 28, General—WITZLER &
Co.

Tartar, German steamer, 1,578, T. Peter-
son, Nagasaki March 31, Coal—TAKASIMA
COLLIERY.

Anton, German steamer, 395, E. Aereboe,
Haiphong March 31 and Haiphong April 2,
General—WITZLER & Co.

Trilos, German steamer, 1,142, A. Bleicken,
Bangkok March 28, Rice—EDWARD SCHUL-
HASS & Co.

Fushun, Chinese steamer, 1,503, A.
Crowd, Shanghai April 1, and Swatow 4,
General—C. M. S. N. Co.

Director Barrow, German schooner, from
Whampoa.

Possidon, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 2,511,
S. Mersa, Trieste February 18, and Singa-
pore March 31, General—AUSTRO-HUNGA-
RIAN LLOYD S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.
April 5—
Ningpo, for Shanghai.

Kungpo, for Whampoa.

Yangtze, for Whampoa.

Darab, for Haiphong.

Tartar, for Yokohama.

Emeralda, for Haiphong.

Don Juan, for Amoy and Manila.

Fokien, for Coast Ports.

Kashgar, for Singapore and Bombay.

Wygern, for Singapore.

CLEARED.
Peking, for Bangkok.

Clara, for Haiphong.

F. P. Leitchfield, for San Francisco.

Deawongse, for Haiphong.

Galley of Rome, for Yokohama.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVALS.

Per Yangtze, from Wuhu, 14 Chinese.

Per Possidon, from Vancouver, Mr. J.
W. Brown, and 40 Chinese.

Per China, from Bangkok, 5 Chinese.

Per Anton, from Pakhoi, 28 Chinese.

Per Trilos, from Bangkok, 26 Chinese,
and 3 children.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet Decca will
be despatched on TUESDAY, the
10th Inst., with Mails for the United
Kingdom, Europe, and countries be-
yond, via Suez, to the Straits Settle-
ments, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta,
and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing
the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet Natal will
be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the
11th April, with Mails for the United
Kingdom, Europe, and places be-
yond, via Suez, to Saigon, Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,
the Australian Colonies, Pondichery,
Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius,
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HOURS OF CLOSING.
THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the British Contract
Packet:—

Two days before departure,
3 p.m.—Reception of Parcels ceases.

Day before departure,
2 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.
2 p.m.—Posting of Parcels Current and
Circular ceases.

(Prices Current and Circulars may
however be posted up to 4 o'clock
if they are tied in bundles, country
by country, with the addresses all
one way.)

Those for the United Kingdom must
be divided into (1) London, (2)
England and Wales, (3) Scotland,
(4) Ireland; those for Germany
into (1) Hamburg, (2) other places
in Germany.)

4 p.m.—Registry ceases. Posting of
Newspapers, Books, and Patterns
ceases.

5 p.m.—Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may be then posted in
the No. 1 Box at the Post Office with
10 cents late fee up to 9 p.m., after
which hour they may be sent on Board
with the same Late Fee.

HOURS OF CLOSING.
THE FRENCH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the French Contract
Packet:—

Day before departure,
5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.

Post Office closes, except the
Night Box, which is always
open out of Office hours.

Day of departure,
7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

10:30 a.m.—Posting of all printed matter
and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mail closes, except for Late
Letters.

11:10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 10 cents until
11:30 a.m.—When the Post Office closes
entirely.

11:40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted
on board the packet with Late
Fee of 10 cents until time of
departure.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.
The German Contract Packet Preussen
will be despatched on MONDAY,
the 16th Inst., with Mails for the
United Kingdom, Europe and coun-
tries beyond, via Suez, to the Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo,
Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta,
&c., &c.

Registry ceases at 2 p.m.
The Mail closes at 3 p.m. Late Letters till
3:30 p.m. with 10 cents extra postage.
Correspondence should be marked *PREUSSEN*
GERMAN MAIL, or with the name of the
Packet.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.—
Per Zambesi, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the
6th April.

For STRAITS & BOMBAY.—
Per Shura, at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday,
the 7th Inst.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per Celeste, at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday,
the 7th Inst.

For KEDAH, at 3:30 a.m., on Saturday,
the 7th April.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.—
Per Iphigenia, at 3:30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 7th Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.—
Per Nantao, at 8:30 a.m., on Sunday, the
8th Inst.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.
APRIL 5, 1888.

STOCKS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 60,000 12 all \$ 3,900,000

North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. 5,000 2 all \$ 100,000

Yongtze Insurance Company, Ltd. 8,000 2 all \$ 50,000

Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd. 10,000 2 all \$ 675,000

China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd. 24,000 53.3 2 all \$ 600,000

Canal Insurance Office Co., Ltd. 10,000 20 2 all \$ 300,000

Chinese Insurance Co., Limited. 1,500 1.05 2 all \$ 1,500,000

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 100 2 all \$ 2,000,000

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 8,000 2 all \$ 800,000

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THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese caused by the discontinuance of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," has reached its fourteenth volume. The Review discusses those topics which are uppermost in the minds of students of the Far East, and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting notes and original papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Customs and Customs, etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of Literature of China etc., and to give critiques embodying sketches of the most recent works on each topic. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to "Editor, China Review, care of China Mail Office."

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondence column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, Imperial Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is assiduously cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are H. Chalmers, Eitel, Bretschneider, and H. P. Friese, Legation, and Messrs. Balfour, Watters, Steat, Phillips, Macartney, Grosvenor, James, Fokker, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Giles, Pison, and Taylor, all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

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Runs DAILY as a FERRY BOAT between

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Leave Kowloon at 6.00 A.M. Leave Hong Kong at 7.00 A.M.

8.00 " 8.30 " 7.30 " 8.00 "

8.30 " 9.00 " 9.00 " 10.15 "

10.15 " 10.30 " 10.30 " 10.45 "

10.45 " 11.00 " 11.00 " 1.00 P.M.

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6.00 " 6.15 " 6.00 " 6.15 "

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7.00 " 7.15 " 7.00 " 7.15 "

* There will be no Launch on Monday

and Friday, on account of coaling.

The above Time Table will be strictly

adhered to, except under unavoidable cir-

cumstances. In case of stress of weather,

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THIS paper is now issued every day.

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The projectors, basing their estimates

upon the most reliable information from

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China Mail Office.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables

the Rates are given in cents, and are, for

Letters, per 100 words, for Books and

Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight

are charged as double, treble, &c., as the

case may be, but such papers or packets

of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two

Newspapers must not be folded together as

one, but must be kept separate. Printed

matter may, however, be enclosed, if the

whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current

may be paid either as Newspapers or

Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers

as, though written by hand, do not bear

the character of an actual or personal

correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied

music, &c. The charge on them is the same

as for books, but, whatever the weight

of a packet containing any partially written

paper, it will not be charged less than 5

cents.

The sender of a Registered Article for

a foreign country may accompany it with a

Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of

5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Com-

mercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is

4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited

to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these

dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2

inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise all

civilized countries except the Australasian

and Cape Colonies.

Postage to Foreign Countries.

General Rates, by any route.

Letters, 10 cents per 100 words.

Post Cards, 5 cents each.

Newspapers, 10 cents.

Books, Patterns and

Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected corre-

spondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and

Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Ro-

gations, 2; via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Ro-

gations, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and

Patterns, 5.

S. African Colonies—Letters, 25; Ro-

gations, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and

Patterns, 5.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong,
Macao, China, Japan, Siam direct (d),
Cochin-China, Tonquin, and the Philip-pines:—
Letters per 100 words, 5 cents (c).
Post Cards, each, 1 cent.
Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.
Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2cents.
Registration, 5 cents.
(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.
(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao
3 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 6
a.m. on any week day for addresses in
Victoria will be delivered the same day,
and generally within two hours, unless the
delivery should be retarded by the Contract
Mails.2. Invitations, &c., can generally be
delivered within Victoria at the private
houses of the addressees rather than at
places of business, if a wish to that effect
be expressed by the sender, otherwise all
correspondence is invariably delivered at
the nearest place of business.3. Boxholders who desire to send Cir-
culars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards,
&c., all of the same weight, to addresses in
Hongkong, or the Port of China, may
deliver them to the Post Office unopened,
the postage being then charged to the
sender's account. Each letter must be
sent of at least ten.4. Boxholders may also send Pa-
tterns to the same places in the same way, but
relays containing Patterns may be wholly
closed, if the nature of the contents be not
exhibited or stated to the Postmaster
General, as he may consider necessary, and
approved by him. Printed Circulars may
be inserted in such Pattern Packets.The Post Office declines all responsibility
for Unregistered Letters containing Bank
Notes, Coins, or Jewellery, and where Re-
gistration has been neglected, WILL MAKE
NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such
letters.Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.
Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight
are received in Hongkong, and at British
Post Offices in China, for transmission to
the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet
via Gibraltar. No parcel is sent with the
Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels there-
fore arrive in London about eight days later
than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but
any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to
be opened for examination.Parcels must be posted in Hongkong
before 3 p.m. on the day before the depar-
ture of the Mail. Those arriving from the
Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the
following P. & O. Mail.The Postage is 25 cents per lb., which
includes Registration fee, and must be pre-
paid in stamps. No further charge is made
in the United Kingdom except for Customs
duty. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6
inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length,
and 4 feet in greatest breadth. A receipt is given for
each Parcel.The sender must fill up a form of Customs
Declaration, which can be obtained free at
each Post Office. No parcel can be accept-
ed till this is completely and accurately
filled. The only articles ordinarily sent
from China which are liable to duty are
Tea, Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate.Dangerous or perishable goods, articles
likely to be stolen, such as Opium, Liquids (unless
securely packed) or parcels easily carried
off, such as hand-boxes, are prohibited. No Pa-
cel can be received if its value exceeds \$250.
A Parcel may contain a letter to the same
address as that of the Parcel itself, or an
other Parcel to the same address. No
other enclosures are allowed.With regard to inward Parcels, addressees
are requested to observe that the Parcel
Mail is not opened until the ordinary dis-
tribution of letters, &c., is finished. The
postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb.,
the Regulations are generally similar to the
above, and the Parcels are sent out via
Gibraltar.Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.
The Post Office is not legally responsible
for the loss of Registered articles, but it is
prepared to make good the contents of such
articles, if the loss is proved to have been
caused by the Post Office, to the extent of
\$10, in certain cases, provided—1. That the sender duly observed all the
conditions of Registration required.2. That the letter was securely enclosed
in a reasonably strong envelope.3. That application was made to the
Postmaster General of Hongkong immedi-
ately the loss was discovered, the envelope
being invariably forwarded with such appli-
cation unless it also is lost.4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied
that the loss occurred whilst the corres-
pondence was in the custody of the British
Postal administration in China, that it was
not caused by any fault on the part of the
sender, by destruction by fire, or otherwise,
nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any
person not in the employment of the
Hongkong Post Office.5. No compensation can be paid for mere
damage to fragile articles such as portraits,
watches, hand-made bound books, &c.,
which reach their destination, although in
a broken or deteriorated condition.

Fees for Public Vehicles.

Chairs.

IN VICTORIA WITH TWO BEARERS.

Half hour . . . 0.10 Three hours . . . 0.50

One hour . . . 0.20 Six hours . . . 0.70

Day (from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) . . . \$1.

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,
half fare extra.

BEYOND VICTORIA, WITH FOUR BEARERS.

Hour . . . 0.60 Six hours . . . 1.50

Three hours . . . 1.00 Day (6 to 6) . . . 2.00

Ferryboats.

(With single driver):—

Quarter hour . . . 0.05 Hour . . . 0.15

Half hour . . . 0.10 Every subse-

quent hour . . . 0.10

Notes.—Victoria extends from Moon

Davis to Causeway Bay and up to the level

of Robinson's Road. If the vehicle is

discharged beyond these limits half fare

extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

Extra bearers or drivers and extra hours

to be paid proportionately.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of the Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven sections, and is marked as follows:—

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Bowling Club, and B., near the City of the

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section: 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf. 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office. 5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section: 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings. 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point. 9. From East Point to North Point. 10. From North Point to Kowloon Wharves. 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name. Captain. Flag and Rig. Tons. Date of Arrival. Consignees or Agents. Destination. Remarks.

Steamers. Aberdeen. 5. Murray. Brit. str. 1878 April 1. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Singapore. 7th inst.

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